

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BONN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5768  
USMISSION NATO BRUSSELS IMMEDIATE

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7. ON THE FINANCIAL SIDE, STUETZLE OBSERVED THAT  
PAYING 100 MILLION DM OR THE LIKE FOR THE INITIAL  
STATIONING COSTS OF THE BRIGADE DID NOT REPRESENT A  
PROBLEM. HE FELT THAT THE FRG COULD DEFEND THAT TYPE  
OF EXPENDITURE BEFORE THE BUNDESTAG. WHAT BOTHERED  
THE FRG MORE WAS THE NOTION THAT IT MIGHT HAVE TO  
CONTINUE TO PAY THE STATIONING EXPENSES FOR THESE  
BRIGADES OVER A LONG PERIOD.

8. STUETZLE SAID THAT THE FRG DELEGATION TO THE  
NPG MEETING WOULD TRY TO BRING ALONG A COPY OF THE  
CHANCELLOR'S LETTER TO SHOW TO SECRETARY RUMSFELD. HE  
ASSUMED THE LETTER ITSELF WOULD BE DELIVERED THROUGH  
THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, BUT HE WOULD ALSO  
TRY TO MAKE A COPY AVAILABLE TO US.

9. COMMENT: WE ASSUME, SINCE LEBER DID NOT TELL THE  
AMBASSADOR DURING THEIR MEETING LAST THURSDAY ABOUT ANY  
SCHMIDT LETTER, THAT THE CHANCELLOR ONLY DECIDED ON  
SUCH A LETTER AFTER THE AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH  
LEBER. THIS WOULD INDICATE, WE ASSUME, THAT LEBER  
NOTIFIED THE CHANCELLOR OF THE AMBASSADOR'S APPROACH  
AND OF SECRETARY RUMSFELD'S MESSAGE, AND THAT THE  
CHANCELLOR DECIDED THAT DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER HAD  
TO BE RAISED TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL IN ORDER TO PERMIT  
A COMMON POLITICAL UNDERSTANDING TO BE REACHED.

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DURING HIS CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON JANUARY 16, THE CHANCELLOR DID NOT MENTION HE WAS SENDING A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT ON THIS SUBJECT. IN A PASSING REFERENCE, HOWEVER, TO THE NORTHAG BRIGADE, HE DID SAY THAT HE WAS TROUBLED BY ONE ASPECT OF THE PROPOSED TROOP REINFORCEMENT AND THAT WAS THE USE OF THE FRG AS A SORT OF AIRCRAFT CARRIER FOR OPERATIONS ELSEWHERE. HE ADDED THAT HE WANTED TO THINK ABOUT THIS FURTHER. THE AMBASSADOR ASSURED HIM THAT THE NORTHAG BRIGADE WAS BEING SENT AS A GENUINE REINFORCEMENT FOR NATO WITH NO ULTERIOR MOTIVES.  
HILLENBRAND

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED USNMR SHAPE AND CINCEUR.

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